

SAMHSA/CSAP's SOUTHWEST CAPT CONTRACT UPDATE
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New Contract Year – The Southwest CAPT entered a new contract year beginning March 24, 2006. This is the third of a five-year contract with SAMHSA/CSAP to operate the CAPT.

SPF-SIG States – The Southwest region serves a nine-state region. Six of those nine states have received Strategic Prevention Framework-State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG) funding. The Southwest CAPT provides intensive technical assistance to these states through participation in Epidemiological workgroups, Advisory Council meetings, assistance with development of state prevention plans, crafting request for sub-recipient proposals, review of sub-recipient applications and training to sub-recipient community groups.

Non-SPF-SIG States – Southwest region non-SPF-SIG states also received technical assistance from the Southwest CAPT. CAPT staff provides services related to state-level assessment, prevention planning and systems development as well as community mobilization/coalition development, strategic planning, application of evidence-based prevention, program evaluation, conference design and implementation and group facilitation.

Strategic Prevention Framework – The Southwest CAPT offers technical assistance to states toward the application of the Strategic Prevention Framework at both state and community levels. To diffuse the SPF to multiple and varied audiences, the Southwest CAPT is developing a 3-hour online overview as well as a full-day face-to-face training.

Service to Science Academies – As a contract deliverable, the Southwest CAPT conducts 2-3 Service to Science Academies per contract year. CAPT staff works with the National Prevention Network Director in each of the nine Southwest region states to identify and recruit participant programs. As part of the screening and assessment process, participant programs are asked to complete the NPN/NASADAD Exemplary Programs application. The applications are reviewed by the Southwest CAPT to assist with designing an event to meet the needs of participants. The Service to Science Regional Academies for this contract year are anticipated to take place in June in Denver, Colorado, and November in Dallas, Texas.

Science to Service Learning Communities – A new CSAP initiative designed to accelerate the application of research to practice entails pilot Learning Communities. The first of several pilots will be conducted in New Mexico with the capacity-building SPF-SIG sub-recipient grantees. The event is scheduled for April 20 in Albuquerque. The event will bring experts/researchers on the topic of underage drinking and evidence-based environmental strategies designed to address relevant intervening variables. Other pilot Learning Communities will be held throughout the Southwest region in the new contract year.

Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Training (SAPST) – Along with the other CAPTs, the Southwest CAPT has been intensely involved in revising and enhancing the SAPST curriculum. Training of Trainers events as well as pilot implementation trainings have taken place in the Southwest region. The Southwest CAPT is cultivating a cadre of trainers who are well-equipped to facilitate the training throughout the region.

U.S. Department of Education Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse (GRAA) – The Southwest CAPT receives funds from the U.S. Department of Education to provide technical assistance to GRAA programs. The Southwest region currently includes 17 grantees. For the fifth year, the Southwest CAPT has taken the lead on coordinating and implementing the National Annual Technical Assistance Meeting for this group.

Year 2 T/TA Activities – From March 2005-April 2006, the Southwest CAPT reported providing 385 TA services comprising direct TA, dissemination of CAPT materials and requests for training. Forty-eight events were reported covering multiple topics including the strategic prevention framework, evidence-based prevention, resiliency, social change, media literacy and locating online prevention resources.